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Lt. Gen. Vernon Walters
Deputy Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C.

Dear General Walters:

I want you to know how much I appreciate your taking the time from your busy schedule to come to Oklahoma City to talk to our Rotary Club. I only hope that your message will wake some people up and give them the ammunition that they need to inform their other fellow citizens about the dangers we face in today's world. As you can see, the message that you gave must have struck a chord with many of the people there and I just pray that it won't roll off their shoulders and be forgotten but that rather it will get them to talking with their fellow citizens, as this is a prominent group of leaders in the community and the nation and many of them if they so chose could be very influential in getting your message across.

I was greatly embarrassed that many of the people that I had invited to the reception for you after your speech did not show up in time to visit with you. This event was planned at the last minute as I did not know how long we would have after your talk when I first invited you. However, I tried to invite a group of prominent people in influential areas who do speak up and talk about the things they believe in, to come and visit with you, and I was greatly embarrassed and distressed that more of them did not show up in time. I hope you will accept my apologies on this matter.

Enclosed is an editorial that was written as a result of your talk with John Couston Curry so you can be assured your message received a far broader audience than rotary. Also none of the muckracking questions that were asked by a TV representative were shown on TV but rather a picture of you saying "we have the finest, most dedicated Intelligence Service in the World" etc. The coverage was very favorable on TV.

If I can ever be of any further service to you or to the Agency, please let me know as I am at your service. Once again I have heard many people remark on what a fine and informative talk you made.

Sincerely yours,